

Little Ringed Plover at Herdsman Lake — In January 1991 I observed two Little Ringed Plovers, *Charadrius dubius*, at Herdsman Lake. One had a pure white forehead and a black band across the forecrown followed by a thin white line and the mudbrown nape and back. The other had a more buff-yellow forehead and chin without the black band across the forecrown. Both had pale yellow legs, yellow eyering and white neckring. The breast had indistinct grey to black bands which were narrow in the centre. There was also an indistinct line above and behind the eye.

The birds were slower and less active than the Red-capped, Red-kneed and Black-fronted Plovers. The Little Ringed Plovers kept well to themselves and their feeding area and pattern differed from the other waders. Muddy areas were preferred, they walked a few paces, stopped and puddled the water with one foot. This activity took about two seconds and was followed by a peck presumably for food.

This is the first record for Herdsman Lake.

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